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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 307

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 19, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 307 removes life imprisonment for youth who are eighteen years and younger who are convicted of a Class I felony. This allows the court to take into consideration the lack of maturity, age, physical, and mental condition of those youth under the age of eighteen.

Youth who are at least sixteen years of age and under eighteen years of age at the time the crime is committed, would be sentenced to fifty years. Youth under the age of sixteen who commit a Class I felony crime would be sentenced to forty years.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Brenda Council